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51/16. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 46/8 of 16 October 1991, by which it granted observer status to the Caribbean Community, and 49/141 of 20 December 1994,

Noting with satisfaction the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community,[1]

Recalling that the Charter of the United Nations contemplates the existence of regional arrangements or agencies for dealing with such matters as are appropriate for regional action and other activities consistent with the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Taking into account the reports of the Secretary-General entitled "An Agenda for Peace"[2] and "An Agenda for Development"[3] and the related consultations within the United Nations, including the various working groups on those subjects,

Taking note of the final communiqué of the twenty-second meeting of the Standing Committee of Ministers Responsible for Foreign Affairs, held at

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[1] A/51/299.

[2] A/47/277-S/24111.

[3] A/48/935.

Kingston on 13 and 14 May 1996,[4] and the final communiqué of the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community, held at Bridgetown from 3 to 6 July 1996,[5] which, inter alia, outlines areas of cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community and stresses the importance of furthering the Community's possible role in the development of peace and security within the Caribbean region, and expresses appreciation to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for promoting this heightened level of cooperation,

Recalling the request made of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the Caribbean Community, to promote meetings between their representatives for consultations on policies, projects, measures and procedures that will facilitate and broaden cooperation and coordination between the two organizations,

Welcoming the inter-agency consultations between the Caribbean Community and its associated institutions, the Inter-American Development Bank, the Organization of American States and the United Nations on the first conference on governance and development in the Caribbean,

Affirming the need to strengthen the cooperation that already exists between entities of the United Nations system and the Caribbean Community in the areas of economic and social development, as well as of political and humanitarian affairs,

Convinced of the need for the coordinated utilization of available resources to promote common objectives of the two organizations,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community,[1] as well as his efforts to strengthen that cooperation;

2. Invites the Secretary-General to continue taking the necessary measures for promoting and expanding cooperation and coordination between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community in order to increase the capacity of the two organizations to attain their objectives;

3. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Caribbean Community, or their representatives, to hold consultations with a view to signing an agreement on cooperation between the two organizations;

4. Notes the areas of cooperation approved by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs in the final communiqué of the twenty-second meeting of the Standing Committee of Ministers Responsible for Foreign Affairs,[4] namely, follow-up to the global conferences; the advancement of the new international human order; law of the sea; follow-up and implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States; the development of poverty reduction programmes; peace-keeping; diplomatic training; governance and development in the Caribbean; and the strengthening of the Regional Secretariat Information Base;

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[4] See A/51/299, para. 9.

[5] A/51/295, annex.

5. Also notes the special role played by States members of the Caribbean Community in the restoration of democracy in Haiti and in its participation in the United Nations Mission in Haiti;

6. Calls upon the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the Caribbean Community, to assist in furthering the development of peace and security within the Caribbean region;

7. Recommends that the first general meeting between representatives of the Caribbean Community and its associated institutions and of the United Nations system be held in 1997 for the purpose of holding consultations on projects, measures and procedures to facilitate and strengthen cooperation between those organizations;

8. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Caribbean Community, or their representatives, to encourage inter-agency, sectoral and focal point meetings on areas of priority or mutually agreed issues;

9. Urges the specialized agencies and other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to cooperate with the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Caribbean Community in order to initiate, maintain and increase consultations and programmes with the Caribbean Community and its associated institutions in the attainment of their objectives, and in this connection welcomes the special relationship between the Caribbean Community and the United Nations Development Programme;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

11. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community".

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